CH.06 THE "FATHER" OF THE AOKURA FAMILY

HEYYY!

GET INTO BED RIGHT NOW!
RIN! HIKARI!

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PAPA, OVER HERE!
STOP THROWING PILLOWS!
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ARGH!
I'VE SAID SO MANY TIMES, I'M NOT YOUR DAD!
BUT WE'RE SO USED TO CALLING YOU THAT!
IT'S NOT EASY TO CHANGE THAT NOW.
NIGHT NIGHT--!
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YEAH, G'NIGHT.
I'M STILL FINISHING UP WITH THE DISHES.
THANKS FOR THAT.
THANK GOD I'VE FINALLY GOT THEM ALL TO SLEEP.
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I'LL GIVE YOU A HAND.
OH, THANKS.
HEY, FATHER...
SINCE YOU LEFT HERE, HAVE YOU BEEN ABLE TO GET ANY WORK?
HOW MEAN! I'VE GOTTA THINK UP SOME-THING ON THE SPOT!
I'VE FOUND A DECENT PART-TIME JOB.

EHHHH? DOING WHAT?
I PLAY A VILLAIN ON A TV SHOW!
BUT I'M JUST ONE OF THE GRUNTS.

THAT'S AMAZING! NEXT TIME WE'LL ALL COME TO SEE YOU!
NO YOU CAN'T!

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UHHH, WELL... IT'S BECAUSE WE FILM ALL OVER THE UHH.. COUNTRY!
YEAH! SO I'M ALWAYS ALL OVER THE PLACE, REALLY FAR AWAY SOMETIMES!

AHHH THAT'S TOO BAD.
WE ALL WOULD HAVE BEEN CHEERING FOR YOU.
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HOW'S SCHOOL? DID YOU GET A BOYFRIEND OR ANYTHING?
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ANYWAY, HOW HAVE YOU BEEN?
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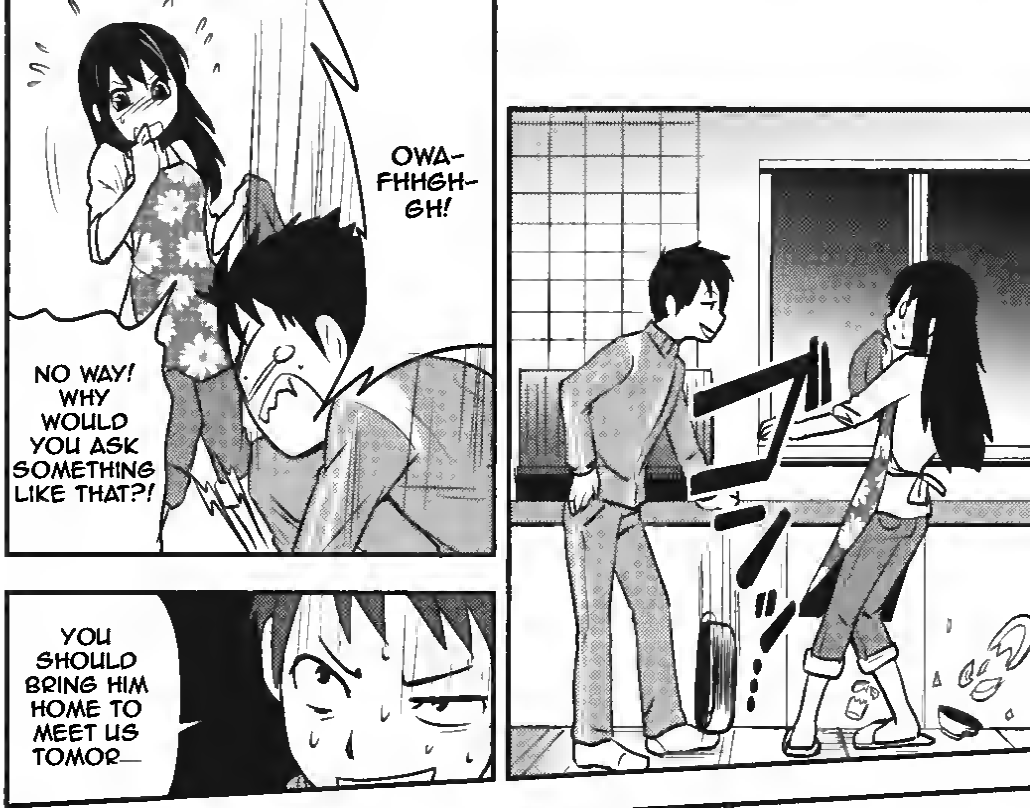
OWA-FHHGH-GH!
NO WAY! WHY WOULD YOU ASK SOMETHING LIKE THAT?!
YOU SHOULD BRING HIM HOME TO MEET US TOMOR—

NOO! HE'S NOT MY BOY-FRIEND!

BECAUSE YOU HAVEN'T RE-PLIED TO HIS CONFESSION YET?
SO... IS IT THAT YOU HAVEN'T STARTED DATING

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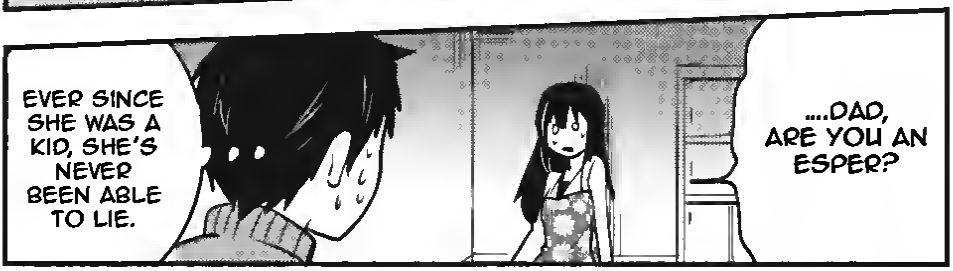
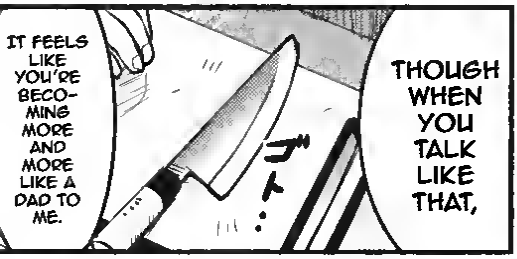

EVER SINCE SHE WAS A KID, SHE'S NEVER BEEN ABLE TO LIE.
....DAD, ARE YOU AN ESPER?


IT FEELS LIKE YOU'RE BECOMING MORE AND MORE LIKE A DAD TO ME.
THOUGH WHEN YOU TALK LIKE THAT,
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IF YOU DO START DATING, MAKE SURE YOU BRING HIM HOME.
I'LL GIVE HIM A WARM WELCOME.
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DON'T SAY THAT WHILE HOLDING A KITCHEN KNIFE!

MORE AND MORE? SINCE WHEN?
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BECAUSE YOU ALWAYS CALLED ME "DAD" SO DID EVERYONE ELSE.
SO, YOU DON'T REMEMBER, HUH?

I WAS THE FIRST TO COME TO THE ORPHANAGE, CHISATO CAME NEXT AFTER ME.
THEN CAME HIMURO AND SOUJI
AND RIN AND HIKARI CAME TOGETHER, AND THOSE TWO WERE INSEPARABLE.

I WAS THE ONLY ONE AT THE ORPHANAGE FOR A WHILE.
IN REALITY, THE PLAN WAS FOR IT TO BE CLOSED. BUT BECAUSE I WAS THERE IT SEEMS LIKE IT WASN'T ABLE TO BE SHUT DOWN.

WHEN I WAS ABOUT 8, A LITTLE GIRL CAME ALONG.
SHE SAW HER PA- RENTS DIE IN AN ACCIDENT...
SHE DOESN'T TALK WITH THE OTHER KIDS AT ALL.
IT SEEMS SHE'S STILL IN SHOCK.
THAT'S REALLY TROUBLING. HERE SHE CAN...
WAHHH...

WAAAAHHHH!
DADDY! DADDY!
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I THOUGHT EVERYONE WAS LYING WHEN THEY TOLD ME MY PARENTS DIED
CRYING ISN'T GOING TO HELP BRING YOUR DAD BACK, IS IT?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR DAD, BUT YOU'RE NOT ALONE ANYMORE!

I CAN'T CHANGE THAT YOUR DAD HAS GONE SOMEWHERE,
BUT UNTIL HE GETS BACK YOU CAN CALL ME "DAD!"
DAD...
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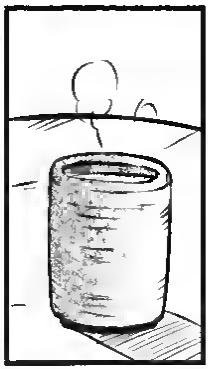
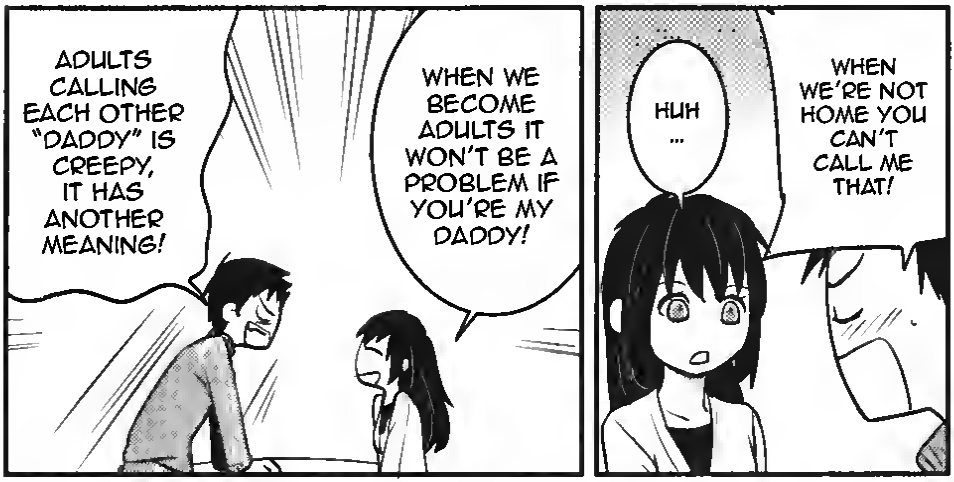
THAT'S RIIIGHT!
I'M SUCH AN IDIOT...
THAT IT'S ALL MY FAULT?

SO YOU MEAN



YOU TOLD ME MY PARENTS WERE STILL ALIVE,
BUT THAT YOU WERE MY DAD FOR NOW.
YEAH, BUT...
THEN IT BECAME REALLY WEIRD IN MIDDLE SCHOOL!
DAAAD!


ADULTS CALLING EACH OTHER "DADDY" IS CREEPY, IT HAS ANOTHER MEANING!
WHEN WE BECOME ADULTS IT WON'T BE A PROBLEM IF YOU'RE MY DADDY!
HUH ...
WHEN WE'RE NOT HOME YOU CAN'T CALL ME THAT!

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YOU'VE GOT BAGS UNDER YOUR EYES, MR. BEAR.
AHHH...
YOU DIDN'T GET MUCH SLEEP LAST NIGHT?
IT'S BECAUSE OF YOU ALL THAT I DIDN'T GET ANY SLEEP!
I KEPT WAKING UP FROM BEING SUFFOCA-TED!
UGHH...

CA... CAN'T... MOVE...
DO YOU HAVE TO GO TO WORK TODAY, TOO?
MAKE SURE YOU EAT UP!
IT WAS LIKE THAT ALL NIGHT UNTIL THE ALARM WENT OFF!
AHAHAHA!

MM!
WHEN ARE YOU COMING HOME AGAIN?
PAPAAAA!
I'M OFF FOR NOW!
ON THE WEEKEND, OKAY!
SURE.
SEE YA, THEN.
DON'T GET HURT.
MAKE SURE YOU EAT THREE MEALS A DAY!
SEE YOU SOON!

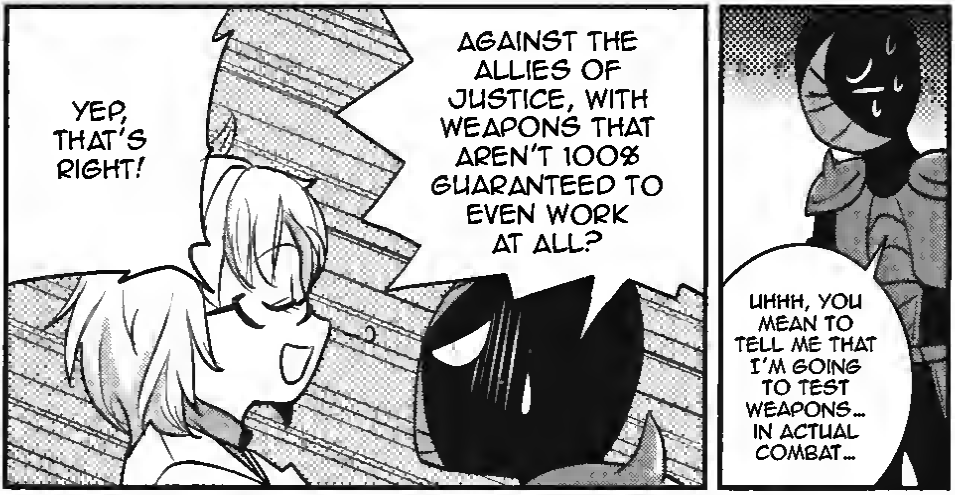
BYE BYE!

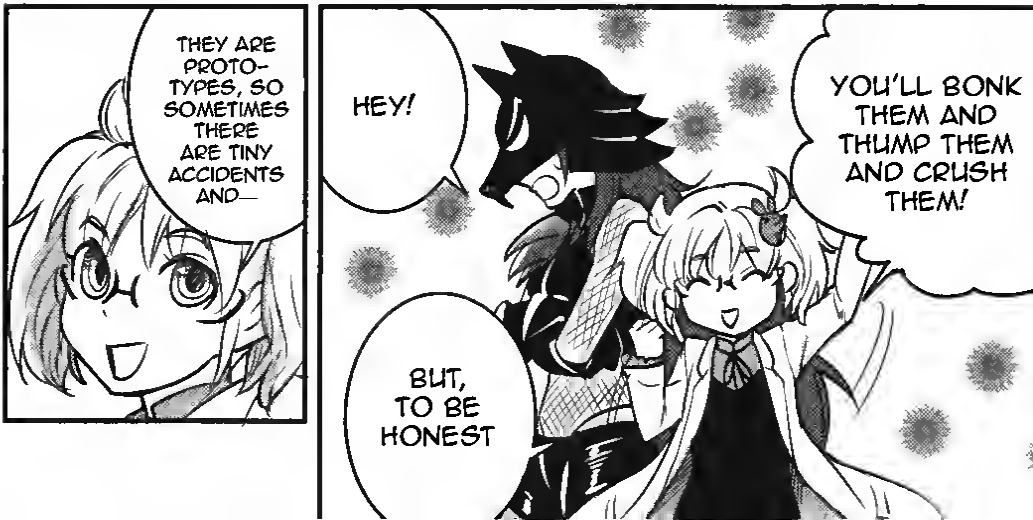
LET'S KICK ASS TODAY!
PEEK!
THIS ROOM IS WAY SMALLER THAN THE LAST ONE...
NUMBER 59603, HEAD TO MISSION DEPLOYMENT ROOM ZERO.
NO
OH, HE'S ALREADY HERE?

IT'S HERE, IT'S HERE!
HE MUST BE REALLY EAGER!
MY NEW TOYYYY!
WHAT?!!
DON'T WORRY, IT'LL BE FINE! YOU'RE ONLY MY LAB RAT UNTIL THIS IS OVER, ANYWAYS!
I'VE ONLY GOT ONE SHOT, LET'S HOPE THIS WORKS!
AND YOU'LL GROW REALLY BIG MUSCLES! ...IN EXCHANGE FOR A LITTLE MORE HAIR GROWING AROUND THE PLACE...

I'M SORRY IF I FRIGHTENED YOU.
HAVE SOME RESTRAINT! YOU'RE GOING TO SCARE HIM AWAY!
OW... I'M A SCIENTIST, MY HEAD IS MY LIFE, YOU KNOW...
YOU WERE CALLED HERE AT OUR INVITATION.
IT'S OKAY, YOU CAN TURN OFF YOUR VOICE CHANGER.
INVITATION?
THERE ARE ACTUALLY QUITE A FEW DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION. THE COMBAT FORCE IS JUST ONE ASPECT OF OUR BUSINESS.
TO SUPPORT THEM WE ALSO HAVE OUR SECRET INTELLIGENCE ROOMS, CHEMICAL RESEARCH DEPARTMENT AND THE WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT DIVISION.

AND THEN THERE'S THE IN-COMBAT NEW WEAPONS TESTING UNIT TOO!
THAT'S US! SO, WELCOME TO YOUR NEW TEAM!


AGAINST THE ALLIES OF JUSTICE, WITH WEAPONS THAT AREN'T 100% GUARANTEED TO EVEN WORK AT ALL?
YEP, THAT'S RIGHT!
UHHH, YOU MEAN TO TELL ME THAT I'M GOING TO TEST WEAPONS... IN ACTUAL COMBAT...


THEY ARE PROTO-TYPES, SO SOMETIMES THERE ARE TINY ACCIDENTS AND—
HEY!
YOU'LL BONK THEM AND THUMP THEM AND CRUSH THEM!
BUT, TO BE HONEST

AHHHHHHHH!
HE RAN OUT!
GO GET HIM!
SHIT! THIS HAPPENS EVERY TIME!
CAN'T THEY GIVE ME SOMEONE ELSE TO FIGHT?
HOW AM I GOING TO FIGHT THEM OVER AND OVER...!

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EH? SHE'S SO FAST...
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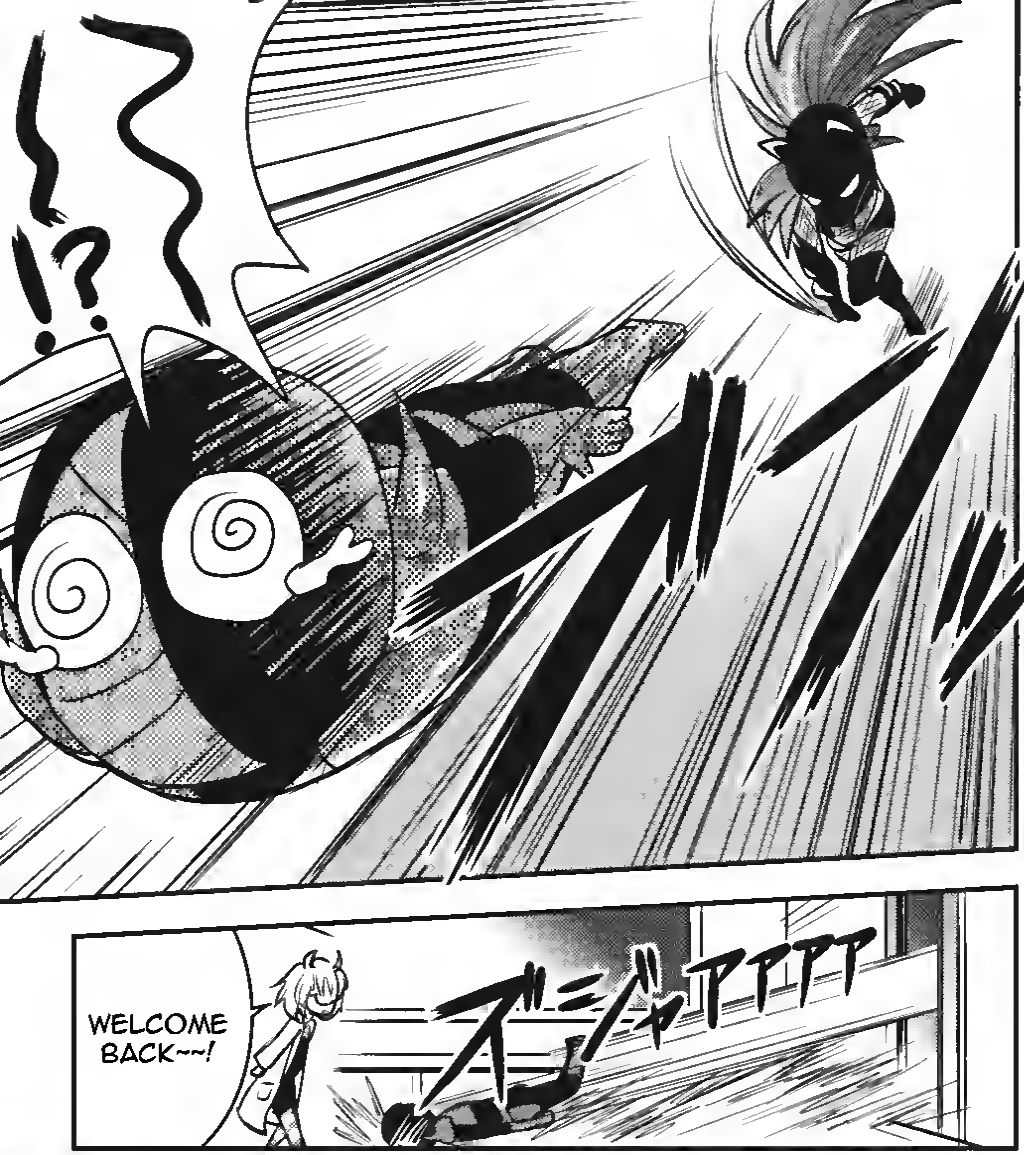
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WELCOME BACK~~!
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DEATH
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NO WAY IN HELL!
ARE YOU HURT AT ALL? NEED SOMETHING TO MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER?

YEAH...
DID YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND?

I HOPE I DON'T HAVE TO DO MORE VIOLENT THINGS TO YOU.
HOW ABOUT WE...
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DISCUSS OUR PROPO-SITION!

I THINK THIS IS LESS OF A DISCUSSION AND MORE OF A THREAT.
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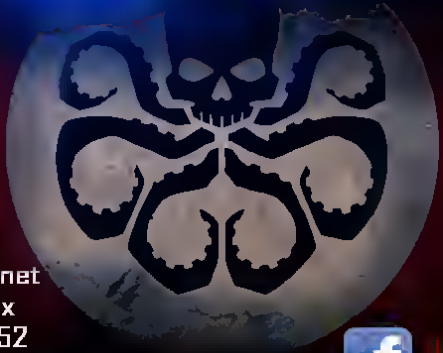

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